-8/14/85 S0830-1A

CALIFORNIA LABOR MARKET BULLETIN

MARCH 1985
(916) 445-9380

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT DATA & RESEARCH DIVISION
ESTIMATES AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH GROUP

(This bulletin supplements the information previously issued to the news media)
The data contained in this bulletin are revised yearly.

TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	JANUARY 1985	MARCH 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,818	12,803	12,815	12,386
Total civilian employment	11,928	11,950	11,886	11,372
Total unemployment	890	853	930	1,014
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.9	6.7	7.3	8.2
Range[b]	6.2–7.6	6.0–7.4	6.6–8.0	7.5–8.9
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.8
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,715	12,713	12,761	12,285
Total civilian employment	11,781	11,769	11,738	11,228
Total unemployment	934	944	1,024	1,058
Unadjusted rate (percent)	7.3	7.4	8.0	8.6
Range[b]	6.6–8.0	6.4–8.1	7.3–8.7	7.9–9.3

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly from 6.7 in February 1985 to 6.9 in March 1985. At the national level, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.3 percent, unchanged from February 1985. During March, total employment in California decreased to 11,928,000 while unemployment increased to 890,000. Since March of 1984 total employment in California has risen by 556,000 from 11,372,000 to 11,928,000. During the last twelve months the number of people unemployed in California has decreased from 1,014,000 to 890,000, a drop of 124,000 people. Since March of last year, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has declined from 8.2 percent to 6.9 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased to 10,772,100, the highest ever reported during the month of March. During the twelve months since March of 1984, nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 366,300 jobs. The services sector indicated the largest absolute growth over the year as the number of jobs increased by 131,200 to 2,618,600. The construction industry reported the largest percentage increase in employment. Total employment in the construction industry was 448,000 in March of 1985, up 6.9 percent during the last twelve months. Employment in retail trade has risen by 5.3 percent during the year while employment in wholesale trade has increased by 5.7 percent. In February 1985, average weekly earnings in manufacturing were $397.20 the highest ever for the month of February.

Prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor by the Employment Data and Research Division, Economic Analysis Group, 800 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	JANUARY 1985	MARCH 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,715	12,713	12,761	12,285
Employed	11,781	11,769	11,738	11,228
Unemployed	934	944	1,024	1,058
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.4	8.0	8.6
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,779	6,722	6,741	6,426
Employed	6,321	6,305	6,260	5,910
Unemployed	458	417	481	516
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.2	7.1	8.0
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,225	5,278	5,259	5,058
Employed	4,878	4,891	4,876	4,685
Unemployed	346	388	383	373
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.4
Both Sexes, Age 16—19				
Labor Force	711	713	761	802
Employed	581	573	602	633
Unemployed	130	139	159	169
Unemployment Rate	18.3	19.5	20.9	21.1
White				
Labor Force	10,875	10,835	10,809	10,448
Employed	10,125	10,053	9,959	9,615
Unemployed	749	782	850	832
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.2	7.9	8.0
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,840	1,878	1,952	1,838
Employed	1,655	1,716	1,779	1,612
Unemployed	185	162	174	225
Unemployment Rate	10.1	8.6	8.9	12.2

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	February 1985	January 1985	February 1984	February 1985	January 1985	February 1984	February 1985	January 1985	February 1984
California	$397.20	$399.60	$385.36	39.8	40.0	40.1	$9.98	$9.99	$9.61

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR MARCH PRELMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH MARCH 85	PREVIOUS MONTH FEBRUARY 85	YEAR AGO MARCH 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,772.1	10,709.6	10,405.8	62.5	366.3	0.6	3.5
Mining	48.9	49.2	49.4	−0.3	−0.5	−0.6	−1.0
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.3
Fuel Mining	40.6	41.0	41.5	−0.4	−0.9	−1.0	−2.2
Nonmetal Mining	6.7	6.6	6.5	0.1	0.2	1.5	3.1
Construction	448.0	447.1	419.1	0.9	28.9	0.2	6.9
General Building Contractors	117.4	116.2	111.0	1.2	6.4	1.0	5.8
Heavy Construction	58.0	58.6	58.6	−0.6	−0.6	−1.0	−1.0
Special Trade Contractors	272.6	272.3	249.5	0.3	23.1	0.1	9.3
Manufacturing	2,060.4	2,050.6	2,020.3	9.8	40.1	0.5	2.0
Nondurable Goods	636.3	632.6	636.2	3.7	0.1	0.6	0.0
Durable Goods	1,424.1	1,418.0	1,384.1	6.1	40.0	0.4	2.9
Food and Kindred	160.9	159.0	163.1	1.9	−2.2	1.2	−1.3
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.3	5.5	7.4	−0.2	−2.1	−3.6	−28.4
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	41.3	41.4	43.6	−0.1	−2.3	−0.2	−5.3
Other Food and Kindred Products	114.3	112.1	112.1	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0
Textile Mill Products	14.2	14.1	14.2	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	112.6	112.4	113.5	0.2	−0.9	0.2	−0.8
Paper and Allied Products	39.0	38.3	38.4	0.7	0.6	1.8	1.6
Printing and Publishing	140.9	140.6	135.5	0.3	5.4	0.2	4.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	64.2	63.9	64.4	0.3	−0.2	0.5	−0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	29.2	28.9	30.2	0.3	−1.0	1.0	−3.3
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	67.1	67.2	67.8	−0.1	−0.7	−0.1	−1.0
Leather and Leather Products	8.2	8.2	9.1	0.0	−0.9	0.0	−9.9
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	52.3	51.4	53.3	0.9	−1.0	1.8	−1.9
Furniture and Fixtures	60.3	60.2	58.8	0.1	1.5	0.2	2.6
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	49.6	49.4	51.1	0.2	−1.5	0.4	−2.9
Primary Metal Industries	41.0	40.8	42.1	0.2	−1.1	0.5	−2.6
Fabricated Metal Products	141.9	140.9	143.5	1.0	−1.6	0.7	−1.1
Machinery except Electrical	237.7	236.7	234.9	1.0	2.8	0.4	1.2
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	407.8	408.2	385.3	−0.4	22.5	−0.1	5.8
Transportation Equipment	286.1	283.4	270.0	2.7	16.1	1.0	6.0
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	34.6	34.4	33.2	0.2	1.4	0.6	4.2
Aircraft and Parts	148.5	146.7	137.4	1.8	11.1	1.2	8.1
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.4	17.1	19.4	0.3	−2.0	1.8	−10.3
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	74.1	73.8	68.9	0.3	5.2	0.4	7.5
Other Transportation Equipment	11.5	11.4	11.1	0.1	0.4	0.9	3.6
Instruments and Related Products	110.4	109.9	106.5	0.5	3.9	0.5	3.7
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.0	37.1	38.6	−0.1	−1.6	−0.3	−4.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	548.4	545.8	539.6	2.6	8.8	0.5	1.6
Transportation	308.7	305.2	295.6	3.5	13.1	1.1	4.4
Railroads	23.8	23.8	24.8	0.0	−1.0	0.0	−4.0
Trucking and Warehousing	125.0	123.3	118.2	1.7	6.8	1.4	5.8
Other Transportation	159.9	158.1	152.6	1.8	7.3	1.1	4.8
Communications	160.7	161.8	167.3	−1.1	−6.6	−0.7	−3.9
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	79.0	78.8	76.7	0.2	2.3	0.3	3.0
Wholesale Trade	663.4	660.3	627.8	3.1	35.6	0.5	5.7
Retail Trade	1,911.7	1,902.5	1,814.7	9.2	97.0	0.5	5.3
General Merchandise Stores	232.6	236.6	228.3	−4.0	4.3	−1.7	1.9
Food Stores	270.0	268.4	259.6	1.6	10.4	0.6	4.0
Other Retail Trade	1,409.1	1,397.5	1,326.8	11.6	82.3	0.8	6.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	701.6	701.1	685.8	0.5	15.8	0.1	2.3
Finance	349.1	349.4	342.5	−0.3	6.6	−0.1	1.9
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	188.5	187.8	185.0	0.7	3.5	0.4	1.9
Real Estate	146.1	146.1	141.3	0.0	4.8	0.0	3.4
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	17.9	17.8	17.0	0.1	0.9	0.6	5.3
Services	2,618.6	2,594.0	2,487.4	24.6	131.2	0.9	5.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	144.8	141.5	130.4	3.3	14.4	2.3	11.0
Personal Services	125.9	124.9	113.7	1.0	12.2	0.8	10.7
Business Services	652.2	644.2	596.8	8.0	55.4	1.2	9.3
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	159.7	157.0	151.2	2.7	8.5	1.7	5.6
Motion Pictures	84.3	81.7	76.1	2.6	8.2	3.2	10.8
Amusement and Recreation Services	109.2	108.0	105.3	1.2	3.9	1.1	3.7
Health Services	619.5	618.9	615.9	0.6	3.6	0.1	0.6
Other Services	723.0	717.8	698.0	5.2	25.0	0.7	3.6
Government	1,771.1	1,759.0	1,761.7	12.1	9.4	0.7	0.5
Federal Government	334.7	334.5	328.5	0.2	6.2	0.1	1.9
State and Local Governments	1,436.4	1,424.5	1,433.2	11.9	3.2	0.8	0.2
County	223.9	221.2	218.4	2.7	5.5	1.2	2.5
City	191.1	190.1	186.7	1.0	4.4	0.5	2.4
Education	751.6	744.0	766.7	7.6	−15.1	1.0	−2.0
Education State	149.6	148.0	148.2	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.9
Education Local	602.0	596.0	618.5	6.0	−16.5	1.0	−2.7
Other State and Local	269.8	269.2	261.4	0.6	8.4	0.2	3.2
State exc ed	175.7	175.7	171.1	0.0	4.6	0.0	2.7
Special District	94.1	93.5	90.3	0.6	3.8	0.6	4.2
Total Agriculture	298.2	275.0	299.9	23.2	−1.7	8.4	−0.6

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES

FEBRUARY 1985
REVISED

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,713,000	11,769,200	943,800	7.4
Alameda	585,075	545,750	39,325	6.7
Alpine	1,150	1,100	50	4.4
Amador	8,150	7,225	925	11.2
Butte	68,125	59,675	8,450	12.4
Calaveras	8,500	7,250	1,250	14.7
Colusa	7,450	5,900	1,550	20.7
Contra Costa	346,100	324,975	21,125	6.1
Del Norte	7,000	5,625	1,375	19.7
El Dorado	47,200	43,200	4,000	8.4
Fresno	286,300	242,700	43,600	15.2
Glenn	10,725	9,100	1,625	15.1
Humboldt	49,375	42,975	6,400	13.0
Imperial	44,800	31,250	13,550	30.2
Inyo	10,875	10,100	775	7.1
Kern	216,500	189,000	27,500	12.7
Kings	29,975	25,425	4,550	15.2
Lake	15,700	13,325	2,375	15.1
Lassen	9,175	7,625	1,550	16.9
Los Angeles	3,908,000	3,647,000	261,000	6.7
Madera	32,950	28,575	4,375	13.3
Marin	125,600	120,675	4,925	3.9
Mariposa	4,475	3,800	675	15.1
Mendocino	32,025	27,425	4,600	14.4
Merced	69,300	57,450	11,850	17.1
Modoc	4,675	4,025	650	13.8
Mono	5,500	5,150	350	6.3
Monterey	145,500	125,200	20,300	14.0
Napa	40,100	37,000	3,100	7.8
Nevada	24,050	21,450	2,600	10.8
Orange	1,325,100	1,274,200	50,900	3.8
Placer	63,000	58,000	5,000	7.9
Plumas	7,875	6,100	1,775	22.4
Riverside	292,500	268,300	24,200	8.3
Sacramento	413,300	381,600	31,700	7.7
San Benito	11,900	9,125	2,775	23.3
San Bernardino	391,100	362,300	28,800	7.4
San Diego	897,000	847,000	50,000	5.6
San Francisco	396,925	373,650	23,275	5.9
San Joaquin	173,300	146,000	27,300	15.7
San Luis Obispo	81,700	77,050	4,650	5.7
San Mateo	331,350	318,925	12,425	3.8
Santa Barbara	170,100	159,600	10,500	6.2
Santa Clara	897,000	852,900	44,100	4.9
Santa Cruz	101,000	89,000	12,000	11.9
Shasta	53,775	44,975	8,800	16.4
Sierra	1,100	800	300	27.0
Siskiyou	16,875	13,125	3,750	22.2
Solano	102,700	93,075	9,625	9.4
Sonoma	159,100	147,800	11,300	7.1
Stanislaus	136,900	111,100	25,800	18.8
Sutter	23,925	17,975	5,950	24.9
Tehama	15,850	13,350	2,500	15.8
Trinity	5,600	4,300	1,300	23.1
Tulare	129,300	111,400	17,900	13.8
Tuolumne	15,050	12,850	2,200	14.6
Ventura	274,000	254,600	19,400	7.1
Yolo	61,300	53,800	7,500	12.2
Yuba	20,475	16,600	3,875	18.9

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.